The extended member **82** is so formed that first to fourth arc-like curved sections **83** to **86** describe a large arc. All of the convex side of the arc is on the inner wall Q side. In this case, the top section **84***a* of the second curved section **84** and the top section **86***a* of the fourth curved section **86** make contact with the cover housing **32**. With this structure, as the dropping height increases, the curved sections functioning as a spring also increases, both of a large dropping height and a small dropping height can be dealt with.

As described above, according to the above embodiments, since the side faces of the liquid-crystal display device **34** are supported elastically and fixed to the cover housing **32**, the cover housing **32** to which the hinges are fixed will not be broken, even when the display section is opened and closed repeatedly. Furthermore, with the above structure, the drop strength is improved.

Therefore, even when a portable information apparatus, such as a laptop or notebook personal computer or a word processor, undergoes vibration or impact from the outside world, it is possible to prevent the apparatus from being damaged heavily.

Additional advantages and modifications will readily occur to those skilled in the art. Therefore, the invention in its broader aspects is not limited to the specific details and representative embodiments shown and described herein. Accordingly, various modifications may be made without departing from the spirit or scope of the general inventive concept as defined by the appended claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. A portable information apparatus comprising:

a first housing; and

a second housing which is mounted to the first housing in such a manner that it can be rocked freely, with its main face facing the first housing, and which includes a panel-like display device with a display screen exposed at the main face and a hinge member to mount the display device in the second housing, wherein

the hinge member includes a fixed member fixed to the second housing and an extended member mounted to the fixed member and intervening between the display device and the inner wall of the second housing, and

the extended member includes a pressing section which presses against the side face of the display device and a flexible curved section which is provided so as to be continuous with the pressing section and which is formed convexly at the inner wall of the second housing.

2. The portable information apparatus according to claim **1**, wherein the pressing section is screwed to the display device.

3. The portable information apparatus according to claim **1**, wherein the curved section has a ridge section continuous with the pressing section and a top section pressing against the inner wall of the second housing.

4. The portable information apparatus according to claim **1**, wherein the second housing has a locking member formed thereon for locking the hinge member.

5. A portable information apparatus comprising:

a first housing; and

a second housing which is mounted to the first housing in such a manner that the second housing can be rocked against the first housing, and which includes

a panel-like display device, and

at least one hinge member which is arranged between the display device and the inner wall of the second housing, wherein

the hinge member includes at least

a first part which presses against the side face of the display device,

a second part which presses against or comes closest to the inner wall of the second housing, and

a ridge part which couples the first part to the second part, with a straight line connecting the first part to the second part being inclined to the side face of the display device.

6. The portable information apparatus according to claim **5**, wherein the portable information apparatus is a personal computer.

7. The portable information apparatus according to claim **5**, wherein the panel-like display device is a liquid-crystal display device.

8. The portable information apparatus according to claim **5**, wherein the second part presses against the inner wall of the second housing.

9. The portable information apparatus according to claim **5**, wherein the ridge part is straight.

10. The portable information apparatus according to claim **5**, further comprising a second ridge part which is continuous with the second part and extends diagonally toward the side face of the display device.

11. The portable information apparatus according to claim **5**, further comprising a second ridge part which is continuous with the second part and extends diagonally toward the side face of the display device and a third part which presses against the side face of the display device.

12. The portable information apparatus according to claim **5**, wherein the first part is parallel with the side face of the display device.

13. The portable information apparatus according to claim **5**, wherein the hinge member is fixed to the second housing.

14. The portable information apparatus according to claim **5**, wherein the hinge member is screwed to the second housing.

15. The portable information apparatus according to claim **5**, wherein the hinge member is provided on both side faces of the display device.

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